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"Once in Grace Always in Grace" Gets a Black Eye.

Editor Record-Press:—Will you find space in your valuable paper to publish this article on "falling from grace"? I believe many people are going to hell with the words "once in grace always in grace" on their lips.

Kept—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."—Isaiah 26:3. "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—Phil. 4:6, 7.

These and many other passages of scripture show us plainly that we who have been saved from sin may be kept completely. They show us that it is needless for any who have been born again and cleansed in the blood of the Lamb to fall away and lose his salvation with God. But notice these promises of God are given conditionally. The first one given says that the Lord will keep him because his mind is stayed on God, and because he trusts in him. The next scripture given expresses the same thought exactly, in different language. "Be careful for nothing." That is committing ourselves and everything to the keeping of the Lord—trusting in him. This is done in prayer and supplication and thanksgiving. No scripture says that God will keep us unconditionally. We have our part to do in getting saved and we have our part to do in keeping saved. Any thoughtful person will admit that. According to the Bible it is true.

Some things we must do to be

saved.—"If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."—Matt. 19:17. "Blessed are they that bear the word of God and keep it."—Luke 11:28. "Keep thyself pure."—1 Tim. 2:22. "Keep yourselves in the love of God."—1 John 2:1.

Possibility of falling and being lost.—"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."—1 Cor. 9:27.

If it were impossible for a child of God to fall away and be lost, why did Paul write this? Paul says in Phil. 3:3 that the children of God have no confidence in the flesh. We must keep self out of sight, and constantly trust in the merits of Christ if we keep saved. Many who get saved do not do this, so they do not keep saved. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."—1 Cor. 10:12. "They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no roots, which for awhile believe, and in the hour of temptation fall away."—Luke 8:13. Who can deny that this is a clear case of falling from grace? We have cases like this these days.

Clear cases in the Bible where men fell from grace.—"Samuel said to Saul, 'And the spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them and shalt be turned into another man.' And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart."—1 Sam. 10:6-9.

Where can we find a clearer case of any man's salvation? The 15th chapter of 1 Sam. tells of Saul's disobedience and sin. The 18th chapter tells how he envies David. The 19th chapter tells how he sought to kill David. The 31st chapter

tells of his wretched death in sin with out the fear of God.

Judas certainly fell from grace.

A damning doctrine.—The doctrine of living in sin yet trusting in the merits of Christ to keep saved is a delusion of the devil. Some say, "Yes we sin all the time, but we just trust the merits of Christ that these sins be not laid to our charge."

So away they go, perfectly willing to do many things that they know are sinful. They claim that they are trusting Christ's merits to save them from the guilt but not the power of these sins. Foolishness! "He that saith, 'I know him' and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."—John 2:4. We must forsake sin as well as trust in Christ.

Impossible to become unborn.—Some one—a St. Louis theologian—has said that it is impossible for him who is born into this world to become unborn, and likewise he who is born of the spirit can not become unborn. This is true. But death is abroad in the land, and only the living—those having been born—can die. So likewise he who is born of the spirit is subject to spiritual death, and must die spiritually if he dares to sin against his Redeemer. If he returns to his sins the fact remains. He was born again. Yet he died.

M. C. SMART.

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Red Letter Day For Tolu.

Last Sunday morning near the noon hour, Bro. E. F. Smith, the former cashier of Tolu Bank, was surprised almost out of his wits to witness the large concourse of people marching towards his residence in South Tolu laden with baskets, buckets and dish pans filled with the finest assortment of eatables that was ever spread before an audience. The sequel to this is Bro. Smith had proved himself to be an efficient and faithful Sunday School teacher and his loyalty to his work both as a teacher and banker commended him to the favor of all who knew him best. Just before the above named scene, he tendered his resignation as teacher of the Presbyterian Sunday School and after some jitting remarks made by others. Superintendent, Kit Shepherd, in an appropriate manner, presented him with a nice set of cuff buttons. With a heart full of gratitude, he very tenderly responded. He left the church with the hearty will, wishes and their prayers, for his success in other fields of usefulness somewhere.

The following are the heads of families that prepared the feast and were present on this occasion:—Dr. Lowry and family, Dr. Moore and family, Joe Brown and family, Kit Shepherd and family, Dave Mantz and family, L. E. Guess and family, Taylor Guess and family, Burnett Moore and family, Hugh Bennett's family, Walla e Bennett's family, Forest Harris and family, Buckner Croft and family, Ed Dowell and family, last but not least, of the Tolu people, was Bro. J. P. Jones whose name may appear later on.

Some days ago someone of the Tolu ladies chanced to be in Marion broke the secret of this occasion to Mrs. A. J. Bennett, so she, with her good husband, Judson, together with Mrs. A. S. Cavender and Miss Trenary constituting a good part of the company, sure they did, and before I forget your very important scribe was there, Dr. E.

After all had gathered around this sumptuous repast, Mrs. Clara Brown nominated Bro. A. J. Bennett as master of ceremonies. At this juncture he proceeded to invoke God's blessings upon the eaters and eatables. After an undivided interest for at least an hour, Bro. Smith proceeded to take registration and not one person in the company who had reached school age was unable to sign their own name almost from little Tom Lowry to big Bro. Jones. The crowd numbered forty-eight and Bro. Jones made the fifty. To say that it was a delightful occasion does not meet the demand, it will be a day long remembered by all that were present. We would not forget that this was Bro. Smith's birthday. I would like to have a thousand like it and so would Bro. Jones.

Well I forget about the spoon and so fourth presented by Mr. Bennett and wife. Yours for some more,

R. M. FRANKS.

Bro. King Defends his Doctrine From The Attacks of Billy Joel.

I see in your paper that I have been assailed by Bro. Hill. He says he does not write his article in the spirit of controversy, yet, in a very controversial manner, he says the doctrine of "once in grace always in grace" is unsound theology and is not taught in the Bible. Now, Bro. Hill, we will see if the doctrine is taught in the Scriptures. The Bible is literally full of positive assertions that the truly regenerated soul will be read Rom. 5:10 for if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

See, Tim 2:19 nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his, John 3:15 that

who soever believeth on him shall not perish, but have eternal life; John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; John 5:24, Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my words, and believeth in him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life; Psalm 37:28, For the Lord loveth judgement, and forsaketh not his saints they are preserved for ever. First Peter, 1:5. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time; Heb. 7:25. Wherefore he is able also to save to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them; Psalm, 121:3, He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber; Psal., 89:33-34. Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips; Rom. 8:35, who shall separate us from the love of Christ, shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword. Rom. 8:38. "For I am persuaded that neither life nor death nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor heights nor depths nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Col. 3:3. "When Christ shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Since then Christ is the life of the christian, and since, too, that life is hid with Christ in God, how can it be lost? Can Satan find one being to ruin such a life? No, indeed. He could not even find the body of Moses, which God had hid, though he, Satan, endeavored to compel Michael, the archangel to discover it to him. See Judges 9. Then how on earth is he to find the Christian's life which is hid, not in the earth, but with Christ in God? Can he force his way through that invincible host of angelic legions which serve as a body guard? Can he storm the bulwarks of heaven? Yet more than this he would have to do before he could reach the christian. He would have to lay open the Father's heart and then bring from the Father's grasp the sacred treasure. Can he do it? Never! Mat. 12:29. "How can one enter a strong man's house and spoil his

goods except he first bind the strong man? John 10:28-30. "And give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hands." "My Father which gave me them is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hands." "I and my Father are one." Ecl. 3:14. I know that whatsoever God doeth it shall be forever.

This, Bro. Hill, is sound theology, and is all found in the Bible. You refer to the case of Saul. We have no proof whatever he was ever a child of God. But Saul must have been a regenerated man, for God gave him another heart. The Bible does not say that God gave Saul a new heart, but another heart; and while we admit that the spirit of the Lord came up on him, so that he did prophesy, yet we must remember that the spirit of the Lord came upon Baalam and he prophesied; but no one will say that he was a good man.

We next come to the case of Judas. Bro. Hill says if Judas was not a good man why did Jesus say he should sit on one of the twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Bro. Billy Joel, why, this statement puts Judas in heaven. But this is some of Billy Joel's Coctrine, Jesus never said that Judas should sit on one of the twelve thrones. Mat. 19:28. "And Jesus said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, ye which have followed me in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye shall also sit upon the twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." John 13:18. "I speak not of you all. I know whom I have chosen. John 6:64. "But there are some of you that believe not; for Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not and who should betray him. John 6:70. "Have I not chosen you twelve and one of you is a devil?" This language, he remembered, was spoken before Satan entered into Judas, to betray Christ. John 12:6. But because he was a thief, this was six days before Satan entered into Judas. Bro. Hill, in referring to Judas, says: "Is this good religion? I think so." If a man can be an unbeliever, a thief and a devil and yet be a good christian, I do not understand the Bible. Jesus says, "Of them that the Father gave me have I lost none." They went out from us but they were not of us; for if they had been of us they no doubt would have continued with us."

Now, dear Bro. Hill, if these scriptures are not sufficient, please set a day and come down and we will go through the Bible. Your brother in Christ, J. R. KING.

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